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Ms. Hanlon

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October 18th, 2001

Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance. I work for Exelon Nuclear's Peach Bottom Power Station and we have removed fuel from Unit 1 to transport off-site in the 70's and recently moved fuel from the Spent Fuel Pool to an on site storage location. The process and containers are well designed and effective.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility. This issue will not go away and this appears, to nearly everyone with industry experience to be the best solution.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,
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